

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **City of Lexington, VA Hires New Planning Director**

**Lexington, VA, February 17, 2016** – Arne Glaeser, with The Berkley Group, will serve as the City's new Planning Director/Zoning Administrator beginning March 14, 2016. He will replace Darren Coffey who was serving in an interim capacity. Coffey, and the Berkley Group staff, will remain involved in City planning including writing the Zoning Ordinance Update and other projects.

After a national search, Mr. Glaeser's credentials rose well above other applicants. Drew Williams, Co-Owner of the Berkley Group said, "Arne has the skill set needed to be a high performing employee. He brings considerable experience to the Berkley Group and City of Lexington." City Manager Noah A. Simon remarked, "I am delighted to add Arne to our team. His planning experiences coupled with the expertise of the Berkley Group will enable the City to advance our planning and zoning department. I am looking forward to Arne and his family arriving in Lexington and welcoming them to our community."

Arne served for 12 years as the Planning and Development Manager for the City of Brunswick, Georgia. In this capacity, he administered the City's zoning ordinance and assisted the City Manager and City Commission in all land use related decisions including land subdivision and annexation. He also supervised the Demolition Coordinator as well as the City's two Code Enforcement officers.

Before moving to Brunswick, Arne was employed for seven years by Sarasota County, Florida as a planner with two years service as a senior planner. He was also employed for one year as a planner for the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Arne resides with his wife Sheila, a flight attendant, and their daughter Georgia. He enjoys renovating old houses in his spare time.

He holds a BA in German from Washington and Lee University, and a MS in Planning from the University of Tennessee.